

In the past, while travelling up and down the I-95 corridor between Washington, DC and Boston, MA, we have been at a loss to find radio stations that provided an up-to-date traffic report. With the advent of XM Instant Traffic and Weather, interstate travelers no longer have to fumble with the radio in the futile hope of finding a concise and complete traffic report. In addition to the variety of channels offered by XM Satellite Radio, the Instant Traffic and Weather provides a welcomed service to subscribers.

I am sure that if local broadcasting channels offer as a complete and concise traffic and weather report as XM Satellite Radio, local listeners will continue to listen. Again, the Instant Traffic and Weather offered by XM Satellite Radio gives travelers a welcomed service. And as such, these travelers are not necessarily the loyal local broadcasting channel listeners the National Association of Broadcasters are concerned of losing.

Therefore, in the review of the NAB's petition 04-160, I would, as a traveler and XM Satellite Radio subscriber, urge you to reject the petition.